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SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY THE FAKE NOTES
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Government have any food-proof system to know the exact size of currency notes which will determine as to whether currency notes are fake or original;

(b)If so, the details thereof;

(c)Whether the size of Rs.500 and Rs.1000 denomination currency notes are different in various series;

(d)if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance(Shri Balasaheb Vikhe Patil)

(a)& (b) The size of bank note alone does not determine whether the notes are fake or genuine. However, the Indian bank notes have a unique size for every denomination, as per details below:

Deno. (Rs.)	Length (mm)	Breadth (mm)
1000	177	73
500	167	73
100	157	73
50	147	73
20	147	63
10	137	63
5	117	63

(a) & (d) The sizes of Rs. 500 and Rs. 1000 denominations are the same in various series though there may be negligible variations in some cases.